MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 10, 2009
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street
Room 1204- TWELFTH FLOOR

I. Roll Call
Members Present:
Jeff O. Estabrook
Patrick B. Leddy, Vice-Chairman
David Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Daniel J. Wellendorf

Members Absent:
George E. Killian
Cataldo A. Leo

Others Present: Jim Wonder, Planning Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM

II. Approval of Minutes
Mr. Leddy made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion carried 5-0

III. Examination Review
Lorin Loch
6756 South 88th Street
Lincoln NE 68526
REQUEST: Review of journeyman plumber’s examination given Tuesday, May 12th.

Kevin McLaughlin
6230 Fort Street
Omaha NE 68104
REQUEST: Review of journeyman plumber’s examination given Tuesday, May 12th.

IV. *Cases
9-5-63 From 5/27/09
Kent Wirges
Dave Janke Plumbing
15013 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68144
REQUEST: Approval of Provider
Approval of Instructors
Approval of four 1 hour continuing education classes.
49-215

The Plumbing Board received notice before the meeting from Mr. Wirges that he wished to place this case on file. Dave Janke Plumbing will give the Board notice when they wish to reappear before the Board for consideration of their application.
Motion to place this case on file by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0

9-6-66
Jim Wonder
City of Omaha
1819 Farnam Street, Suite 1111
Omaha NE 68183

REQUEST: Approval of Provider.
Approval of Instructor.
Approval of four 4 hour continuing education classes.
49-215

Jim Wonder was to have appeared before the Board in representation of Joseph Virgil; however, Mr. Virgil was able to appear before the Board. Mr. Virgil requested to be approved as a provider, an instructor and for the approval of four 4 hour continuing education classes to take place in the fall. The following subjects will be covered during the classes:

Class No. 1
Article 4 – Definitions and Abbreviations
Article 8 – Joints and Connections
Article 3 – Inspections

Class No. 2
Article 8 – Joints and Connections
Article 9 – Soil and Waste
Common Code Violations

Class No. 3
Article 10 – Indirect, Chemical and Special Wastes
Article 11 – Interceptors
Article 13 – Vents and Venting

Class No. 4
Article 12 – Rainwater Drainage
Article 11 – Exterior Grease Interceptor Commercial Kitchens
Article 11 – Interceptors Flammable
Class dates for these courses have not yet been set. Mr. Virgil submitted for the Board’s review a professional biography outlining his experience in teaching the Omaha Plumbing Code, a detailed agenda for each class, and copies of course materials. Mr. Miller stated that he had attended classes taught by Joe Virgil in the past and found them to be excellent.

**Motion** to approve Joseph Virgil as an Approved Provider by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0

**Motion** to approve Joseph Virgil as an Approved Instructor in the Omaha Plumbing Code by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0

**Motion** to approve four 4 hour continuing education classes as outlined above by Mr. Estabrook. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0

9-6-67
Gregory Hanson
6405 Bennington Rd
Omaha NE 68152

REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well for irrigation of a garden.

49-1510

Tom Debuse appeared before the Plumbing Board on behalf of Gregory Hanson, who was out of town this afternoon. Mr. Debuse stated that the requested waiver is to allow installation of a private well for irrigation of an orchard. Currently, the orchard is being watered from tanks in the back of a pickup truck.

Mr. Miller read a statement from the Metropolitan Utilities District. An extension to MUD water would carry a cost of $222,900.00 for the owner of the property. MUD does not oppose the installation of a well for irrigation at this time.

Jim Wonder stated that Doug Clark with the Douglas County Health Department could not attend today’s meeting, as he is currently out of the country.
Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division had no objection to the waiver; and added that if the Board chose to grant this waiver, that it should be made contingent upon the approval of the Health Department and for this occupant and use only.

Motion to approve the installation of a private well for irrigation of an orchard by Mr. Reed; this waiver is contingent upon Health Department approval and is for this use and this occupant only. This well is not to be used for potable water. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0

9-6-68
Cheryl L. Kiel
REQUEST: Waiver of section 49-630, Toilet Rooms for Two Sexes.
Beringer Ciaccio Dennell Mabrey
1015 N 98 St Suite 300
Omaha NE 68114 49-630

The Plumbing Board received notice before the meeting from Ms. Kiel that her client wished to place this case on file. Additional fixtures have been added and the owner no longer requires a waiver.

Motion to place this item on file by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0

9-6-69
Midwest Laboratories Inc.
REQUEST: Waiver of fixture count requirement.
13611 B St
Omaha NE 68144 49-636

John DeBoer with Midwest Laboratories Inc. and Ron Rogers with Overland Constructors appeared before the Board to request a waiver of fixture count requirement.

Mr. Wonder explained to the Board that Midwest Laboratories is currently building a new facility from which tests will be conducted. These tests will be carried out almost completely by machines; there will be very limited human traffic within the building. This item was required to go before the Plumbing Board because the proposed use does not fall within any of the fixture count tables outlined in the Omaha Plumbing Code. The Plumbing Division recommended approval of this waiver.
Mr. Reed inquired as to how many employees would be in the building during the day. Mr. DeBoer replied that employees would be in the building to set up tests, and would not be in the area on a full-time basis. On average, Mr. DeBoer stated that there would be 3-4 female employees and 4 male employees in the building at any given time.

Mr. Reed stated that this situation was unique in that the building does not classify as an office space; nor does it classify as retail or warehouse space. Mr. Wonder recommended that this waiver be limited to this occupant for this use only. Mr. Miller concurred with Mr. Wonder's recommendation.

Motion to approve waiver of one water closet and one lavatory for female employees; and one urinal, one water closet and one lavatory for male employees by Mr. Reed. This waiver is limited to this occupant and use only. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0

REQUEST: Renewal of expired Journeyman’s license.

Dennis Fitzgerald appeared before the Board to request renewal of an expired Journeyman plumber’s license. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he had been to the Board previously for an extension to complete continuing education hours. He is currently missing four hours of continuing education for 2007. Mr. Fitzgerald is currently in the process of locating additional sign in sheets; however, he had no documentation to show at this time which proved that he has made up his missing four hours of continuing education.

Mr. Wonder recommended that the Board approve the renewal of Mr. Fitzgerald’s license. If the Board wishes to deal with Mr. Fitzgerald’s missing continuing education hours, the Plumbing Division will prepare documentation so that a hearing for possible revocation or suspension of Mr. Fitzgerald’s license may be held at a later date.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to renew Mr. Fitzgerald’s journeyman license. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0
V. **Apprenticeship Renewals**

Dale Leonard

Kendall Plumbing Company

ABC

Motion to approve apprenticeship renewal by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0

VI. **Discussion**

Alan Thelen with the City Legal Department went over the duties and responsibilities of the Plumbing Board for the edification of the new Board members, and as a review for the other Board members.

VII. **Executive Session**

Mr. Wonder requested that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the written portion of the plumber’s examinations for the second half of 2009.

Motion to go into executive session by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 5-0. Board entered executive session at 2:26 pm.

VIII. **Adjourn**

Board adjourned by mutual consent at 3:00 PM.